



Chairperson Vice-Chair

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2009

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, March 5, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Adela Rivera
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez

Sgt. Brian Harris
Sgt. Hilton Kincaid
Sgt. Melanie Long-Thomason

Department Personnel Present

AC Ronald Fleming
DC Leo Powers
DC Herbert Moreland
Cmdr. Brian Davis
Cmdr. Lewis Bray
Lt. Herbert Myles
Sgt. Robert Jackson
Sgt. Debra Jones
Sgt. Shirley Berger
Sgt. John Kennedy
Sgt. Mark Young

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lt. Lashinda Houser, Police Personnel
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

Inv. Melanie White
Inv. Rosalia Madrigal

Inv. Lawrence Akbar

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward Moore
Tom Stidham
Ret. Comm. Willie Hampton
Alice M. Peoples

June Lee
Phyllis Hernandez
Velma Hampton

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:24 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, March 5, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Ramirez made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Thursday, February 26, 2009**

MOTION: Comm. Ramirez made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY OF SERGEANT CHARLES TURNER, BADGE S-1260, POLICE OFFICERS SAMUEL BALOGUN, BADGE 95, TYRONE GRAY, BADGE 4591, JORDAN HALL, BADGE 2550, SHERON JOHNSON, BADGE 4610, JIMMY PASSMORE, BADGE 180, AND PAYTRA WILLIAMS, BADGE 524, ALL ASSIGNED TO VICE ENFORCEMENT.

Exec Dir Gross stated all parties have asked for a closed door session.

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2009 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

This Week

49
38
22% Decrease

Year to Date

227
262
13% Decrease

2008 - Weekly Count of Complaints:

- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,234** active investigations, of which **198** of those are for 2009.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 03/05/09	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
4	10TH PRECINCT		4	1			2			1	8
2	12TH PRECINCT		2								2
3	CENTRAL DISTRICT	1	1				3				5
4	COMMUNICATIONS		2				1			1	4
4	EASTERN		3				1	1			5
1	GAMING		1				1				2
2	NARCOTICS			1			1				2
2	NORTHEASTERN		1				1			2	4
9	NORTHWESTERN		3				8			2	13
3	SOUTHWESTERN		1	2						1	4
1	TRAFFIC		1								1
13	Unknown Command		3	2			10	1	1	1	18
1	VIOLENT CRIMES			1							1
49		1	22	7			28	2	1	8	69

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Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, March 12, 2009

@ 6:30 P.M.

Oakland International
Academy

6111 Miller
Detroit, Michigan 48211

"Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships"

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On February 26, 2009, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 9200 block of Southfield on a "Domestic Violence" call and arrested a subject. As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with "Home Invasion, Felon in Possession, Felonious Assault, Discharge in a Building, Felony Firearm, Domestic Violence, and Habitual 3rd."

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District/Precinct stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District /Precinct Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
		1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
		7737 Kercheval	*8 a.m. to 2 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	*9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	870-0649
		13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		2575 S. Schaefer	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	297-9423
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
		13206 E. Jefferson	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	821-5851
		22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	343-7506
		14700 Mack	*3 p.m. to 9 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations- Monday -Friday

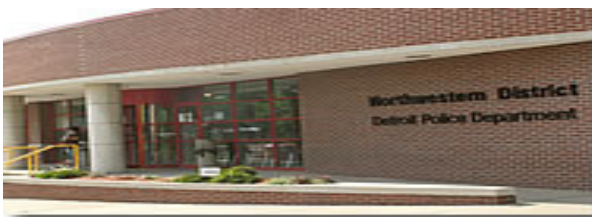
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Police / Community Intervention

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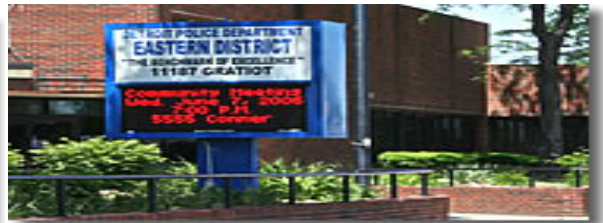
Southwestern District

On February 21, 2009, officers of the Southwestern District responded to Gilbert and I-94 Service Drive to "Investigate a person—shots fired into his vehicle" run. Due to the investigation of officers assigned to the Southwestern Investigation Firearms Team (SWIFT), a subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder, Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm, Felonious Assault, Felony Firearm, and Motor Vehicle Advisory."



Organized Crimes

On February 26, 2009, officers assigned to Gang Squad were on routine patrol in the area of W. McNichols and the Southfield Service Drive, when they observed a subject look in their direction, discard a brown paper bag, then run. Due to the officers' quick response and investigation, a subject was arrested for "Violation of the Controlled Substance Act." Narcotics were confiscated.



Northwestern District

On February 27, 2009, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 20000 block of Joy on a "Person with Weapon Firing Shots" run. After obtaining a description of the perpetrators from the complainant, the officers searched the area, located and arrested two subjects, who were subsequently charged with "Assault with Intent to Commit Murder, Felonious Assault, and Felony Firearm." Subject #2 was also charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon." A weapon was confiscated.



Northeastern District

On February 27, 2009, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 12000 block of Mitchell to assist the Detroit Fire Department. Upon their arrival, they observed a subject who fit the description of an individual wanted for a Felonious Assault that occurred the previous day. The subject was arrested and charged with "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm and Felonious Assault."

AC Fleming stated the department did a collaborative sweep with DPS at Central High School and detained about 50 kids for truancy. This will become a citywide sweep at the schools.

Chairperson Holley asked if the department goes into the schools upon a request.

AC Fleming stated yes.

Chairperson Holley what will happen do the kids that were caught?

AC Fleming stated they were given a ticket and taken to the 10th precinct where they can be picked up by their parents, and if they have parents like his, they will only do this one time.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standings committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION: RET. COMM. WILLIE HAMPTON

WHEREAS

Mr. Willie Hampton has been a life-long and devoted resident of the City of Detroit for 51 years. He was appointed by former Detroit Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick to the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners in March of 2002. During this time, Commissioner Hampton dutifully served on the Disciplinary Appeals, Legal Affairs and Labor Relations subcommittees of the Board. He has also served as the Board's past Chair and Vice Chair; and

WHEREAS

Commissioner Hampton began his illustrious career in Labor Relations in 1971 as an Organizer with Local 79 of the Service Employee International Union (SEIU), the largest and fastest growing affiliate of the AFL-CIO in North America. A graduate of the Labor School of Wayne State University, Commissioner Hampton proved to be an aspiring leader of the SEIU, and was quickly bestowed more responsibility and held more visible roles and positions. Some of these roles included Business Agent, Metropolitan Detroit Coordinator, First Vice President and Secretary Treasurer; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Hampton's demonstrated leadership in his organization, led to his ultimate promotion to President of the SEIU, where he served until his retirement in 2007. Commissioner Hampton has been committed to serving the citizens of Detroit and protecting the rights of working individuals across the country. He remains a long-standing and active member of the SEIU Executive Board; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Hampton has held many professional positions and memberships which include Vice President of the Metropolitan Detroit AFL-CIO; Vice President of the Trade Union Leadership Council; member of the National Board of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute; Secretary and Treasurer of the State Council of SEIU (an alternate Board of the Michigan AFL-CIO); Detroit Coalition of Black Trade Unionists; Jewish Labor Committee Advisory Board; and the Coalition of Labor Unions for Women; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Hampton is a devoted member of the Hampton Memorial Missionary Baptist Church where he serves as Deacon. He has also attended the Detroit Bible College, Wayne County Community College and is an upstanding and lifetime member of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS After six (6) years of devoted and dedicated service to the Board of Police Commissioners, the Detroit Police Department and the great citizens of Detroit, Commissioner Hampton completed his term and retired in December 2008;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners and the Detroit Police Department, as well as the citizens of Detroit acknowledge the dedication, commitment and diligent oversight of Detroit Police Commissioner Willie Hampton. His professionalism, remarkable service and community insight are highly regarded throughout the entire City of Detroit. We thank and congratulate you on your leadership and continuing pursuit to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit. Your efforts merit our highest esteem.

We wish you all the best.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

/s/ Jim Holley
Chairperson

/s/Rev. Ronald L. Griffin
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Adela Rivera
Commissioner

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**
March 5, 2009

/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Commissioner

MOTION: **Comm. Rivera** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Rivera presented Ret. Comm. Hampton with a plaque also.

W. Hampton thanked everyone for this and their kind support during his tenure on the Board.

2. RESOLUTION: COMM. ERMINIA RAMIREZ

WHEREAS Erminia Ramirez, a life-long resident of the City of Detroit, was appointed by former Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick on February 14, 2003 to serve on the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners during the tenure of former Police Chief Jerry Oliver; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Ramirez was highly active in her community, yet immediately embraced her responsibility to ensure accountability and provide oversight to the Detroit Police Department; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Ramirez witnessed the historical appointment of Detroit's first female Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings, and through this transition, remained focused and worked strategically to strengthen citizen and police relationships; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Ramirez, going beyond the call of duty, served twice as the Board's Chairperson, while serving on several Board subcommittees which included Citizen Complaints, Disciplinary Appeals, Personnel & Training and Budget; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Ramirez upheld her responsibilities to the Board simultaneously with her professional duties as the Chief Operating Officer of the Community Health and Social Services Center (CHASS). Responsible for the clinical operations of three clinic sites, she supervises personnel from various multidisciplinary professions, handles grievance dispositions and directs the process of human relations, personnel policy, staff development and project implementation. Holding a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Michigan and a Masters Degree in Social Work from Wayne State University, Commissioner Ramirez has devoted her entire life's work to serving diverse populations within the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Ramirez continues to devote time to several boards, consecutively, such as the Executive Steering Committee for the Michigan Center for the Environment and Children's Health, Southwest Business Development Association, Southwest Community Policing, LASED Organization and the Latin Action Network. She is the President of the Chamberlain Block Club Association and former President of the Fourth Precinct Police Community Relations Council. She is also a State of Michigan certified AIDS counselor; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Ramirez has received numerous service awards and letters of commendation from schools, churches, organizations, corporations and businesses for her generous spirit and unwavering commitment to leadership. Always seen networking to better her community and the City, Commissioner Ramirez is loved and highly respected by all those who know her; and

WHEREAS After six (6) highly productive years of devoted and dedicated service to the Board of Police Commissioners, the Detroit Police Department and the great citizens of Detroit, Commissioner Ramirez has now completed her term and has chosen to retire during the tenure of Interim Mayor Kenneth V. Cockrel and Chief of Police James R. Barren, Ph.D.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, recognize and highly honor the enduring dedication of Commissioner Erminia Ramirez. Her talent and selflessness have proven to be invaluable assets to the City of Detroit; and be it further

RESOLVED

That the Commissioners of this Board thank and congratulate you on your perseverance and determination to promote the mission of the Board and the Detroit Police Department. Though the years have flown by, you will always remain our Commissioner.

We salute and honor you, Commissioner Erminia Ramirez.

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/s/ Jim Holley
Chairperson

/s/Rev. Ronald L. Griffin
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Adela Rivera
Commissioner

/s/ Mohamed Okdie
Commissioner

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/s/ Erminia Ramirez
Commissioner

MOTION: Comm. Rivera made the motion to approve the Resolution.

SECOND: Comm. Holley seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Rivera presented Comm. Ramirez with a plaque also.

Comm. Ramirez thanked everyone for this and their kind support during her tenure on the Board.

Chairperson Holley stated to Comm. Ramirez that she will be truly missed and gave her an ink pen for her service on the Board.

He acknowledged the presence of the Board's newest member, Comm. Toney Stewart.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, March 12, 2009
Oakland International Academy
6111 Miller St.
Detroit, MI 48211

10. **ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Comm. Ramirez stated a request having been made by Sgt. Charles Turner, Badge S-1260, Police Officers Samuel Balogun, Badge 95, Tyrone Gray, Badge 4591, Jordan Hall, Badge 2550, Sheron Johnson, Badge 4610, Jimmy Passmore, Badge 180, and Paytra Williams, Badge 524, she moved that the Board of Police Commissioners conduct a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (a) of the Open Meeting Act, to consider a personnel matter relative to these individuals.

MOTION: **Comm. Ramirez** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now be convened.

The Board went into a closed session at 3:24 p.m.

Chairperson Holley acknowledged the arrival of Comm. Griffin.

The Board returned from closed session at 4:10 p.m.

MOTION: **Comm. Ramirez** made the motion to return from closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Rivera** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Exec Dir Goss stated unless **contravened** by this Board, the above suspension without pay will stand.

Comm. Ramirez contravened.

Comm. Rivera contravened.

Comm. Griffin contravened.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb